

Rome Tues March 10

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My dear Tom

In great haste I have the pleasure to
enclose the 1st half £5 note \$59381 for dear
Maria & I will send the other by next post
& pray tell that I engage to give her now
£10 a year or least, but it shall more &
doubled as I get on in my savings & when
I have paid in oct^r all my cruet debt
occasioned by my dear wife's death

Up to this my saving has been better
than I could expect, more can be done in
this way in Rome than London - tho my
official expenses are great, yet I regard the
future with pleasure as regards money
having a fixed income, so that I can now
arrange with certainty

How you'd be amused by the English
here today & the mess they have made - I
have told you that I have 3 direfull haters

will they attempted to make up a great dinner
to exclude ^{me}, not thinking that I have gained so high
a position that nothing can be done without me

The Governor would not allow any thing to take
place without my presence & they had to invite me
& I would not go, so the whole thing fell to the ground
& I have the pleasure of laughing in my sleeve at
such foolish mean men - when with the jealousy
& spite against me finish? - Meanwhile I am
well content at the high standing I have gained
sheepy in my occupation which at times is very
active, sometimes 50 visits a day

The Danish Consul & artists proposed a
dinner with the English artists & myself
but even this did not come off on account of
Leit & I cannot tell why the Royal marriage
was before Easter

I shall answer your nice note in due course
my love to all - I at times feel sadly the loss
of my dear partner who would have been so
great a help to me

Yours loving brother Joe